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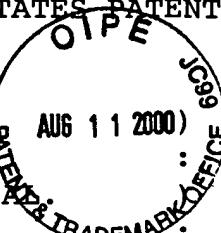
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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. A copy of the European Communication, dated July 10, 2000, is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

The Communication also cites European Patent Application Nos. 0 726 158, 0 726 148, 0 671 268, Patent Abstracts of Japan with respect to JP 6-228478 and U.S. Patent

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No. 5,608,438, all of which were previously cited in Applicants' February 14, 2000 Second Information Disclosure Statement.

Therefore, these documents are not listed on the Form PTO-1449 and additional copies of the documents are not provided herewith.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

It is hereby certified that each item of information in this Third Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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